

New Castle Correctional Facility Achieves Perfect Score On National Correctional Standards Audit

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New Castle, Indiana - (September 26, 2007) - For the first time in State history, a prison higher than minimum security has achieved 100 percent on all national correctional standards established by the American Correctional Association (ACA). New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) is being recommended for this distinction today after three independent auditors selected by ACA spent two and one-half days touring the grounds, reviewing policies and procedures, and observed practices. These independent auditors found the Facility met 100% of mandatory standards, and 100% of non-mandatory standards.

"I am pleased with the phenomenal effort displayed at the New Castle Correctional Facility," announced J. David Donahue, Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner. "The staff is to be commended for their outstanding professionalism and dedication to corrections, re-entry and public safety."

"It is a tremendous achievement to score 100% on the American Correctional Association audit that encompasses such rigorous standards. This is a very positive reflection on the professionalism and work ethic of all staff at the New Castle Correctional Facility," announced Superintendent Jeff Wrigley.

"It has really been a delight to be here at New Castle. You have a wonderful facility. I've been doing audits for several years now, and I really believe I have seen no facility to compare with this one," said ACA Chair Richard Bazzle, one of the auditors.

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About New Castle Correctional Facility

The New Castle Correctional Facility is a medium-security prison for adult male offenders that began operations on the site of the New Castle Mental Hospital in April, 2002. Following a competitive procurement process, the GEO Group, Inc. was selected to provide management and offender supervisory services at this Facility, which started on January 2, 2006. In addition to the general medium-security population, this facility also manages a psychiatric unit to treat and manage offenders with serious mental illness.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.